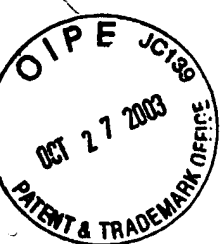


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were called to Applicant's attention in a Japanese Office Action dated August 1, 2003, which issued in the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 10-061230. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the English Abstracts for each of them, and for Japanese reference A-09-284655, Applicant also encloses a translation of paragraph [0026], which is mentioned in the Office Action.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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